Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 09 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Monday 10 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Sunday 09 Jan 2022 at 03:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the general synoptic pattern and in particular for windy and milder conditions through next week. The main uncertainty relates to the speed of clearer weather arriving on Sunday.

Headline for Sunday 09 Jan 2022: Periods of rain, sleet and snow with very poor visibility. Winds becoming light.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 09 Jan 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
70%	50%	30%	20%	00%	00%

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Weather: Heavy snow showers will be frequent through the early hours, these falling as rain and hail below 300m or so. Snow showers will merge into longer spells of rain, sleet and snow through morning as the snow level rises from 300m to 600m. The afternoon brings drier conditions but with extensive low cloud persisting until a few clear spells develop through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: No chance, but 20% from around sunset.

Visibility: Cloud cover will be extensive above 400-500m through much of the day and this combined with morning snowfall leads to whiteout conditions for higher slopes. Some limited improvement towards sunset as a few cloud breaks develop, but unreliably so. Rain turns lower slopes a little hazy at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/32 S	21/26 S	14/18 S	11/14 S	8/10 S	6/7 SE	15/19 SE
900	18/23 SW	15/20 S	10/13 SW	7/9 SW	5/6 NW	6/7 SE	12/16 SE
600	23/28 SW	20/24 S	10/12 SW	6/8 SE	4/5 NE	3/5 S	7/9 SE
300	11/18 S	10/16 S	6/10 S	4/5 E	2/3 NE	3/5 E	8/12 SE
Glen	6/14 SW	6/15 SW	4/9 S	2/4 NE	3/5 E	3/5 E	3/6 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-12	-4/-11	-3/-10	-3/-8	-3/-7	-3/-6	-3/-9
900	-2/-8	-2/-8	-1/-6	-1/-4	-2/-4	-5/-9	-2/-8
600	0/-6	1/-6	1/-3	1/-2	1/-1	2/-0	2/-1
300	2/-2	2/-2	3/0	3/2	3/2	3/1	3/-0
Glen	3/1	4/2	5/3	5/4	3/2	3/2	3/1
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Be prepared for extensive poor visibility and very low contrast over snow fields. Evening cloud breaks are unreliable.

Forecast for Monday 10 Jan 2022

Weather: A frontal system will move east across all ranges through the day, with patchy snow setting in by dawn above 600m but quickly turning to rain at all levels as milder air becomes dominant. Some heavier spells are possible during what will be a wet and windy day. Rain clears to wintry showers through evening.

Maximum wind: South 30-40mph gusting 50mph, gradually veering Westerly and easing a little through afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% through daylight hours.

Visibility: Cloud will be largely extensive above 300-500m, perhaps higher towards the Nevis range. Below this, rain will temporarily obscure neighbouring slopes. Clear spells developing through evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 or 4 Celsius rising to 10 Celsius then back down to 6 Celsius through evening.
At 800m: Around freezing, soon rising to plus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600-800m soon well above summits.

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